



How can I get involved ?

It's our view that organizations work best when there are a diversity of views and approaches to solving common problems and reaching common goals. Our common goal is the protection of the town's rural character, a goal that is a top priority for the vast majority of Jaffrey's residents. We think that our members and contributors should bring a variety of background experience and perspectives. Retirees, developers, hunters, foresters, farmers, biologists, etc.....All have an interest in natural resources, but come to the table with different perspectives. If you are interested in joining us or helping us out on a particular project, email us at jaffreycc@gmail.com

Some of our responsibilities ...

- Management of Children's Woods, Cheshire Pond Conservation Area and several town forests.
- Gray Goose Farm Conservation Easement
- Natural Resource Inventory updates
- Assist landowners with compliance of wetlands regulations
- Educate the public on invasive species and other ecological impacts
- Review citizen applications to NH Department of Environmental Services

Areas of interest to residents & visitors

Mount Monadnock State Park

Location: off Mountain Road,

Activities: Hiking, Walking, Biking, Sightseeing

Children's Woods

Location: Blake St. Park by ball fields

Activities: Hiking, Walking, Biking, Sightseeing

Cheshire Pond Conservation Area

Location: access at intersection of Nutting & Dean Farm Roads

Activities: Hiking, Walking



Hikers at the summit of Mt. Monadnock

Town of Jaffrey, NH Conservation Commission



Dedicated to the proper use and protection of our natural resources

Why is conservation important to the people of Jaffrey ?

In the town's Master Plan the residents of Jaffrey concurred overwhelmingly that one of the most important factors to our quality of life is the preservation of open space and the protection of our rural character.

Whether you are a hiker, hunter, kayaker, snowmobiler, mountain biker, or simply someone who loves the outdoors, the preservation of

our town's character requires oversight, planning and an active focus on protecting the places and spaces that make Jaffrey a desirable place to live and to visit. Our quality of life and our economic vitality depend on the protection and stewardship of our environment. Also, the Jaffrey Conservation Commission works closely with our zoning and planning boards to make sure that these interests are always considered when planning for our future.

We are blessed to have a magnificent state park within the borders of our town (Monadnock State Park), and we also have several properties that we manage for the recreational benefit of the people of Jaffrey (Children's Woods and the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area).



Mt. Monadnock in winter

The issues we face. *Conservation Funding:*

In 2009 voters at the annual Town Meeting voted to create a Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund.

In combination with LUCT (Land Use Change Tax) revenue, as well as private donations, this fund will enable the Con Com to purchase and secure land for future conservation and assist landowners in placing easements on their land.

There are two funds which support the Con Com: the Conservation Fund and the Conservation Support Fund (which supports local organizations doing important conservation work).

The Con Com receives modest support from the town and relies primarily on LUCT revenues and your donations.

Improving quality of life for all of Jaffrey.



Protecting our wetlands is part of the Con Com's mission

The Con Com manages properties, sponsors speaking events for things as diverse as Black Bear habits to Invasive Species management.

We also participate in RiverFest and other local events. Finally, we work closely with organizations such as the Monadnock Conservancy to acquire and manage easements and other protected lands. In

Jaffrey, it is a major component of the town's Master Plan.

We depend on your support to help preserve the beauty of Jaffrey

Contribute today

We depend on your support to help with funding for easement acquisitions, trail maintenance, constructing bird houses, holding educational and speaking events and other activities that benefit our town and its people. If you'd like to contribute, send your check made out to:

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
10 Goodnow St, Jaffrey, NH 03452

(Make a note "donation" in the FOR/MEMO line of your check)

Frequently Asked Questions *What do Conservation Commissions do?*

The State of NH requires Conservation Commissions to: "conduct researches into its local land and water areas", "seek to coordinate activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes"; "keep an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas....all marshlands, swamps, and other wetlands", "keep accurate records of its meetings and actions". But we do so much more, as you can see from this brochure.

Why is the work important?

The Conservation Commission is at the forefront of conservation of land, water and natural resources which has become more vital in our changing world.

